Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the Abstract as follows. A clean, non-marked up copy of the Abstract appears on its own sheet attached to the end of this Amendment.

~~The invention relates to an internal high pressure shaping~~ A method for shaping a conical metal ~~tubes (5) produced from metal, especially steel, in~~ tube using a tool ~~(1)~~ that has sealing pistons and a die cavity ~~(2)~~ with a complex contour is described. ~~Said~~ The die cavity ~~(2)~~ has two ends with a cylindrical ~~sections (2a, 2b) on its two opposite ends. The tube which is conical across its entire length is inserted in such a~~ portion of the die cavity located at each end. The method includes inserting the conical tube into the die cavity such that the ends of the conical tube protrude into the cylindrical sections of the die cavity. Sealing pistons engage the tube ends and press each tube end against a cylindrical portion of the die cavity to seal an interior space of the conical tube. The tube is shaped by applying pressure to the sealed interior of the tube to force the tube against the complex contour of the die cavity while simultaneously axially compressed the tube by exerting axial forces on the tube ends with the sealing pistons.

~~in such a manner that it lies with its ends (5a, 5b) in the area of the cylindrical sections (2a, 2b). The sealing plugs force the ends (5a, 5b) against the cylindrical sections (2a, 2b), optionally while radially flaring them, so that they come to rest clamped between the wall of the cylindrical sections (2a, 2b) and the sealing plugs. The tube (5) is forced against the complex contour of the die cavity (2) by subjecting the tube (5) to an internal high pressure and simultaneous axial compression of the tube (5).~~